

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 274
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Overton High School Concert Band and the Overton High School Jazz Band on their recent accomplishments in the 1997 Big Apple Classic.

WHEREAS, many can read music and play an instrument; however, few can give the notes warmth, depth and a range of emotion, giving the music a life and a mood all its own; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Overton High School Wind Ensemble and the Overton High School Jazz Band are such gifted musicians, playing with unparalleled enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, it is a great honor that this General Assembly recognizes Overton High School's outstanding achievement of receiving a deserved invitation to participate in the 1997 Big Apple Classic held in New York City on April 27, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to have had the privilege of listening to Overton High School's musical performances for many years; and

WHEREAS, Overton High School is the Memphis City Schools' optional school for the Creative and Performing Arts, drawing talented students from all over the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, performing with the utmost talent and precision, the Concert Band and the Jazz Band both placed first in their respective divisions; and

WHEREAS, they also were named Grand Champions in the Concert Band and Jazz Band divisions; and

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WHEREAS, Concert Band member Matthew Hiller and Jazz Band member Jamaal Wickes were awarded Outstanding Soloists in their divisions; and

WHEREAS, the band has shared the beauty and power of music while performing in countless civic parades and concerts across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Overton High School Concert and Jazz Bands exemplify a professional spirit, are committed to excellence and take great pride in their dedication to a team effort; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly recognizes such talented groups of gifted artists, their great contributions to the band sound and exceptional achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the Overton High School Concert Band and Jazz Band on their outstanding accomplishments in the Big Apple Classic in New York City and commend them for their generous service to the community, providing Tennesseans with many years of exceptional musical performances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.